

SECTION 7 – STANDARDS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

The overwhelming majority (over 95%) of people who have a mental health problem are cared for exclusively within primary care. Those with more complex and enduring mental health needs are likely to require access to specialist mental health services. There are however some people with specific needs that cannot be fully addressed by either primary care or secondary mental health services, usually because interventions are necessary which require highly specialist skills and services. The following standards relate to those people who need such services.